

Last week, I joined Senators McCain and Lieberman on a bipartisan mission to Iraq. In sum, I found that many of the conclusions of the Iraq Study Group were on target. One of the best moments of the mission was seeing our troops and thanking them for their commitment to our country.

One of the brave Americans I met was Adriana Ortega of Des Plaines, serving with the U.S. Marines in Ramadi. To Adriana and her mother Maria, we are so proud of you.



Adriana with me and then with Senator McCain.

I also met with Dr. Zinder, formerly a key member of the medical team at the Great Lakes Naval Hospital and key to saving our VA.



Dr. Zinder now provides care to American and Iraqi patients following his previous assignment at Great Lakes.